



1st bid of responder after a 1NT opening bid

Your partner, by bidding 1NT indicates precisely 15-17HCP with a regular hand.

Stayman and Texas transfers help you find the best game .

Zia advises advanced players to use the 3 levels Stayman with 4 cards in a Major and even occasionally with 5 cards in a Major.

without a 4 card majors: the responses are unchanged.

- PASS with less than 8HCP
 - 2 NT with 8HCP : Game proposal
 - 3 NT from 9HCP : Game
 - 4 NT with 17HCP : Slam Proposal
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2 ♣ Stayman Zia advises advanced players to use the 3 levels Stayman.

By convention after the 2 ♣ response, the opener will bid :

- 2 ♦ with no 4 card Major
- With just 1 4 card Major : 2 in that suit 2 ♥ or 2 ♠
- 2 ♥ with 4 cards in both Majors. If the responder does not have ♥ but ♠, he'll bid 2 or 3 NT depending on the strength of his hand. The opener will conclude at 3 or 4 ♠.

In case of a ♥ fit your opponents will not be aware of your 4 cards in ♠ and of your distribution..which will make their defense much more difficult !

S	W	N	E
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

A	J	10	8	A	10	8	4	A	K	9	4	3
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦

Problème F5844

2 ♥ With 4 ♥ and 4 ♠. If the responder has 4 cards in ♥, no need to tell the opps about his 4 PI!

K	Q	9	7	K	J	7	10	8	J	10	9	8
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

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2 ♥	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 ♠	Pass		

A	J	10	8	A	10	8	4	A	K	9	4	3
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦

Problème F5845

4 ♠ You know that your partner that bid Stayman does not have 4 cards in ♥, so he has 4 cards in ♠. So after 3NT rectify to 4 ♠



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With a 5 card Major, 7-8HCP concentrated in right suits and an irregular distribution , it is preferable to use the Stayman rather than Texas transfer. You camp will find out much easier if there is Game potential with a limit hand.

S	W	N	E
		1 NT	Pass
2 ♣	Pass		

A	J	10	8	7	2	7	6	5	Q	10	9	8
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

Problème E5835

2 ♣ Le Stayman with a 5 card Major in a 7-8HCP hand with shape values will enable you to bid a Game...that Texas transfer will not !



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Autres enchères

- 4 ♦ Shows a 5-5 Major two suiter
 - The opener will choose his Major and conclude at Game level.
 - With slam potential, start with a Texas transfer so you have a chance to check controls.
- With Powerful monocolour hands: bidding 3 in that suit after the Texas rectification shows slam ambitions
- L'enchère de 4 ♣ is the Gerber convention ! Make sure to agree with your partner...

Examples :

S	W	N	E
		1 NT	Pass
4 ♦			

K ♠	Q ♠	10 ♠	9 ♠	8 ♠	Q ♥	J ♥	10 ♥	7 ♥	4 ♥	J ♣	10 ♣	8 ♣
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Problème E1224

4 ♦ The opener will rectify to 4 ♥ or 4 ♠ and will be the declarer

S	W	N	E
		1 NT	Pass
3 ♥	Pass		

K ♠	5 ♠	4 ♠	K ♥	Q ♥	10 ♥	9 ♥	8 ♥	3 ♥	A ♣	Q ♣	3 ♣	4 ♦
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Problème E2087

3 ♥ a Jump that shows a strong suit with at least 6 cards and indicates slam ambitions. After your strong jump to 3 ♥, the opener will bid his controls...